

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the telephone conference of July 7, 2005, with Edward L. Bishop (Registration Number 39,110), regarding the status of the claims in view of the Advisory Action.

In the Advisory Action, it was deemed that the previously proposed amendments would not be entered because they failed to place the present application in condition for allowance. In particular, it was held that the proposed claims would not be entered because they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

By the above amendments, no new claims have been presented. Thus, the concern presented in the Advisory Action regarding the number of claims is moot.

In the Final Office Action, claims 3-8 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Applicant has: cancelled claim 1; amended claim 2 to depend on objected to claim 3; amended objected to claim 3 to include the limitations of previously presented, but now cancelled, claim 1; amended objected to claim 4 to include the limitations of previously presented claims 1 and 2, wherein claim 1 has now been cancelled; amended objected to claim 5 to include the limitation of previously presented, but now cancelled, claim 1. These amendments do not present new matter because they are supported by the claims as they were pending before the filing of this reply.

Applicant notes that the original filing fee was sufficient to cover up to three independent claims, and up to twenty total claims. As amended above, the current application includes three total independent claims, and less than twenty total claims. Therefore, Applicant submits that no

further fees should be due at this time.


Based on the above, Applicant submits that the present claims should now be in condition for allowance. Therefore, reconsideration and passage to allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned at (312) 226-1818 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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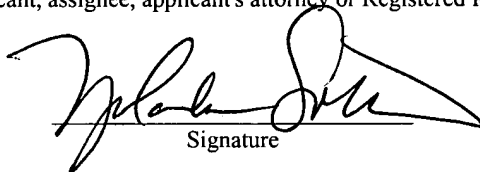
  
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